



## LOCAL NEWS.

A FINE girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jahnke Monday morning.

THE few visitors from the country Monday report the roads well nigh impassible.

THE Lion Drug Store lost a plate glass show window in the firecracker melee incident to Christmas.

A BREAKDOWN in the engine laid the northbound passenger out several hours at Bellville Sunday night.

JOE MEYER, a pauper at the county farm, died Monday from an attack of pneumonia.

H. FRANK'S hardware stock has been moved from Postoffice row to the Fischer building on South Ant street.

REV. E. A. ALLEN of Hempstead the missionary for the Lincoln Baptist association of Texas, will preach tonight at the Zion Baptist church.

THE young ladies of the city, at least quite a number of them, contemplate keeping "open house" for the reception of their friends on New Year's day.

MR. TOM MATCHETT has purchased a lot from Mr. C. Wiesbach on West Main street and will soon begin the erection of a residence.

THE Artillery Company held a large and enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening. Their new armory is expected to be ready for occupancy by the next meeting.

SEVERAL Brenham ladies were telling their troubles to each other recently. One of them said the worst she ever felt was when they brought her husband home time partially paralyzed.

Monday a box of unequalled long Havana fillers arrived from the same address. Comparatively few Texans know what is made and grown within the borders of our great State, and though there is ample room for development in the line of manufacture, there are many growing industries turning out work equal to any in the United States. The Post has just received a handsome center table with compliments of the Brenham Manufacturing company. It was manufactured by them from timber grown in the Lone Star State, from one of the choice woods which was heretofore supposed to be foreign to our country, Texas mahogany. This company has discovered a variety of this mahogany on a part of their timber lands and it is claimed to be superior to the Mexican varieties, both as to strength and color, as the Mexican is very brittle. The work is elegant, artistically ornamented and would do credit to any factory in the country.—Houston Post.

—The Governor has appointed Hon. A. M. Walthall of Pecos City, Reeves county, judge of the Thirty-fourth judicial district, vice Judge C. M. Buckler, resigned, and whose resignation takes effect the last day of the present year. The newly appointed Judge is a brother of United States Senator Walthall of Mississippi.

—W. L. Jones, colored, was recently convicted for publishing a libelous editorial in the Galveston Times and given 12 months in jail. The case was appealed and the criminal court of appeals affirmed the lower court's judgment. W. H. Noble, who was also convicted on the same charge and fined \$100, was released on a convict bond and has been hired out.

At his request no further effort will be made to save the life of Eugene Burt, who is sentenced to be hanged at Austin on the 21st day of January for the murder of his wife and two children.

## THE RED MEN.

Elect Officers and Dispose of an Oyster Supper.

Shabona Tribe, No. 20, Improved Order of Red Men, had on hand two ceremonies of special importance at their Monday night meeting. The first of these was the semi-annual election of officers which resulted in the choice of the following:

L. M. Simon, Sachem.  
Wm. Morris, S. S.  
W. C. Henderson, J. S.  
H. Harrison, Prophet.  
C. H. Carlisle, K. of W.  
C. H. Carlisle Jr., C. of R.  
C. H. Eddy, Collector.  
C. H. Carlisle, Trustee.

Following the election came the other important item which was the disposal of a shoal of oysters in any and every style, first raw, then stewed, then fried, then begin over again, in case your appetite was equal to the repetition, and some were. There were also at hand all the necessary accessories for a square meal. The oyster contest in point of numbers was so close that the awards could not be made. In order to even things up a bit Prophet Harrison offered \$25 to any Red Man who should eat five soda crackers in as many minutes without partaking of any kind of liquid. This the Senior Sagamore undertook, and was black in the face, but still halloing, "Polly wants a cracker," when the reporter left to fill another engagement.

## Cigar Lights.

Sunday electrician C. H. Eddy of the Brenham Compress, Oil and Manufacturing Company received a Christmas present by Express from the Western Electrical Supply Company of St. Louis. The package, which arrived by express, resembled a box of cigars in size, and Mr. Eddy felicitated considerably over the goods smokes in store. But when the box was opened instead of fifty elegant Havanas he expected it contained two incandescent lamps each of which contained a single cigar securely sealed in the globe. On the outside of the globe was printed a statement that the lamps would "burn much longer than the cigars." It was alright as an advertisement, but slightly disappointing as a Christmas present.

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## Proskauer-Lewin Betrothal.

The betrothal of Miss Jennie Lewin to Mr. Joseph Proskauer was celebrated Sunday evening by a large gathering of friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gross, West Main street. The evening was spent happily with music, conversation and refreshments. The cozy home still wore the garlands and decorations donned in honor of Christmas, and the smiling and happy faces of the guests were in perfect harmony with the surroundings. Miss Lewin is a sister of Messrs. Julius and Sigmond Lewin and of Mrs. R. Gross. Mr. Proskauer is from Paris.

## THIRD ANNUAL BALL.

Under the Auspices of the Athletic Club Monday Evening.

The deities Euterpe and Terpsichore into whose kindly care the ancient Greeks, when they manufactured their mythology, confided the gentle arts of music and dancing, found many worshippers at the headquarters of the Athletic club Monday evening on the occasion of the organization's third annual ball.

The annual recurrence of these festive occasions which by custom take place on the Monday following Christmas are eagerly looked forward to for weeks and even months in advance of their occurrence by the haute volée of the social element. The various committees charged with the successful culmination of the season's chief function put the great trinity of time, tact and talent into their work in preparing the details and their labors were crowned with a triumph of art that eclipsed in brilliancy, in elegance and in enjoyment the previous records of the club. A more elaborately brilliant and transcendently superb affair has never before been presented. The weather was cool and the evening a most delightful one for such pleasure as those who worship at the shrine of Terpsichore are wont to revel in. The dancers were happy and gay, and if there was a heavy heart present it was hidden behind a face beaming with joy. Music, always enchanting, thrilling, vivifying, is particularly so in the ball room. There it seems the gods touch every note and strike every chord as it escapes from the instrument with a diviner fire and a more harmonious spirit than it has elsewhere. Maybe it is because "eyes look love into eyes that speak again," but music in the ball room is a fountain of eternal youth and of imperishable energy. In gliding gracefully through the whirling waltz, or tripping lightly through intoxicating schottisches and polkas, the dancers during an evening traverse mile after mile of ball room floor without the slightest evidence of fatigue.

The decorations which extended over every portion of the ball room and gave the various athletic and gymnastic devices a most pleasing effect were well conceived and beautifully carried out. The club has no colors and the decorators were left free to select blendings of their own choosing without being handicapped by the environments of particular designs. The smilax effects, together with a world of carnations, holly and hand made roses made one of the brightest and most inviting pictures imaginable. This feature of the occasion was left in the hands of the decorating committee consisting of Mrs. L. Z. Harrison, Miss Bertha Becker, Miss Hetty Harrison, Miss Hester Abbott and Miss Mabel Harrison with several gentleman helpers.

The order of dances consisted of twenty numbers, exclusive of the opening grand march and "Home Sweet Home," with an intermission which was devoted to the disposal of some elegant Champagne punch made from the vintage which has contributed so extensively to Mr. Mumm's favoritism and fame. The large attendance precludes the possibility of tabulating them into anything like a correct list. Some idea of the attendance may be gathered from the statement that the hundred programs printed for the occasion were exhausted.

The following committees contributed to the success of the entertainment:

Reception Committee: Wm. Lusk, Pres't., Chas. Wilkins, H. Lusk, C. G. Botts, Ben Bassett, J. C. Fischer, W. H. Abbott, D. C. Williams, Theo. Low, Tom Holland, Major Abe Harrison, L. Z. Harrison, Fred Amsler, E. P. Curry, Lee Curry, Chas. Carlisle,

Dr. B. B. Minor, John Watson, Ed. Healy, Joe Smith, N. Cinnamon, J. B. York, A. D. Milroy, Fred McFarland, L. G. Bassett, Chas. Felder, Seth N. Mayfield, Harry Eldridge, C. Fischer, Fred Martin.

Arrangement Committee: W. H. Abbott, Chas. L. Wilkins, Ben Bassett, T. A. Holland, Wm. Lusk.

Floor Committee: Lee Curry, L. G. Bassett, Harry Eldridge, Cal. G. Botts, J. C. Fischer.

## CHRISTMAS AFTERMATH.

Some Casualties, Some Reflections and Some Other Things.

Although the holidays are only fairly begun the supreme festival day has passed and the city is beginning to wear an air of sober business, having emerged from the spectacular. The delicious delirium of intoxication has faded into an iridescent dream. Some yet remain who now and then "take something" with which to irrigate the dryness of decline, but those who think "the best of life is but intoxication" are in a decided minority. The great fireworks-firewater combination played a star engagement and its popularity was greater by far this season than in several lengths of Christmases. The evolution from chaos to order was a gradual process and there are yet several "lamps in mourning" that will require several days to metamorphose back to normal. The small boy who looked after the fireworks end of the combination has been the hero of many battles. His elder who took care of the firewater is also the "hero of many bottles." Both ought to swear off Jan. 1st.

Several severe but no fatal accidents resulted from careless handling of fireworks. Mrs. Smith, wife of "Stormy" Smith, Santa Fe yard master, had one of her hands badly burned by the premature explosion of a sky-rocket.

Julian McFarland was a target for another sky rocket and is wearing his best hand in a sling.

Little Mr. Lemm lost some blood and has a very sore mouth from a similar source.

A double back action Roman candle knocked out Mr. Alex Griffin for the time being Saturday night. The load struck a bunch of books and papers in his coat pocket which reduced its momentum to some extent, otherwise Mr. Griffin believes he would have been seriously injured.

The problem of what to buy for a Christmas present at least no longer agitates the public mind.

Now for a week of holiday, and then for a year of hard and earnest work. To get the best of both one should follow the other.

Many people who have been hovering over their fires at home for a week came out on the streets yesterday when the sun made its appearance, but a number of individuals in the city lockup remained indoors.

Now that the gift season has been pulled off, young men who have presented a cold exterior to their best girls for several weeks past may proceed to renew cordial diplomatic relations.

The nine days drizzling cloudy weather broke into clear skies and fairest sunshine. The touch of winter disappeared with the lifting of the mist, and the sloppy streets alone remained as a legacy of the several days disagreeableness.

## GERMANIA BALL.

An Exceptionally Pleasant Affair Complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Muery.

The spacious floors of Germania hall were a scene of gayety Tuesday evening, the occasion being a complimentary dance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Muery, whose matrimonial bark was launched under favorable auspices just previous to the holidays. The evening was a delightful one in every particular, fruitful of the fullest possible enjoyment to every guest present.

Invitations were issued to the married people and they were out in large numbers. The floor presented a most pleasing appearance, thronged with merry dancers. The bright faces and pretty dresses of the young ladies made one think of a bit of fairy land as they floated hither and thither in perfect accord with the delightful music of the orchestra.

The program containing almost a score of numbers proved too short and several extras were added bringing the closing time after the midnight hour. The dance will dwell in the memory of all who were present as a most delightful social event, from which nothing was lacking that could add an iota to the pleasures of the evening.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD.

An Arbor Day Up For Discussion at Tuesday's Meeting.

Tuesday being the last day of that name in the calendar month was the regular time of meeting for the Brenham school board. An interesting session was held. Fleta Guy was elected a teacher in the colored schools.

The feasibility of setting aside an arbor day for some date early in the season was discussed at considerable length. As is well known, the national arbor day comes much too late in the season for this climate. It was pointed out by the promoters of the special day idea that great and lasting improvements in the appearance of the school grounds could be consummated by such an arrangement. Nothing adds so much to the appearances of private residences or public buildings as well kept trees and shrubbery. With one day in the year set apart to the planting and cultivating of trees and shrubbery great results could be accomplished. The idea is a good one and should be fostered and encouraged.

## Mrs. Kohltfarber Dead.

Mrs. Kohltfarber, aged 74 years, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. F. E. Reue in Prairie Hill at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning after a lingering illness. She had suffered with paralysis for a long time. The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. today (Tuesday) and the remains will be interred in the Methodist Cemetery at Prairie Hill.

Deceased leaves three grown children; they are Mrs. L. Enax and Mrs. F. E. Reue, of Prairie Hill and Mr. Louis Kohltfarber, of Washington.

## A Successful Operation.

Rev. W. A. Moers, pastor of the German Methodist church, has been confined to his bed several weeks with "carries of the bones" of the leg. His condition grew worse from time to time until the attending physician, Dr. R. E. Graul, determined on performing an operation. Assisted by Doctors York, Williamson and Lockett, the operation was successfully carried out, about five inches of dead bone being removed. So far the operation, which was performed strictly by antiseptic methods, has been a success. The patient is doing as well as could be expected, and hopes to be at his post of duty again in a short time.

—The office of the Southern Mercury, the organ of "middle-of-the-road" pops in Texas, was destroyed by fire at Dallas last week.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

A Pleasant Evening for the Members of the Baptist Sunday School.

The rooms of the Athletic club were utilized Tuesday evening for an enjoyable Christmas entertainment by the members of the Baptist Sunday school. The original intention was to have entertainment at the Band room but the absence of a piano necessitated a change of plans the eleventh hour.

The main purpose of the evening was to afford the juniors and also the elders an opportunity to enjoy a social gathering. As an aid to enjoyment a program of rather an impromptu nature was excellently rendered, each of the contributors acquitting themselves in a manner highly edifying and creditable.

After an anthem by the choir, "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord," Little Misses Ina Eldridge and Mamie Perry contributed recitations. They were followed by a beautiful trio contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Wyman and Mrs. West. Following this Little Miss Etta Rees delivered a recitation and Little Miss Quebe contributed a song. The program closed with a short essay on "Memory" by the superintendent, Hon. Harry Haynes. This was a master piece in its way, as is everything Mr. Haynes composes, and was received with excellent attention and many plaudits.

After the end of the program was reached, splendid refreshments were served. The children were then turned loose to romp and make merry at will.

## The Star Concert Company.

Judged by a strict standard of merit there should have been a much better house in evidence at the Grand Tuesday night than turned out to hear a program rendered by the Star Concert Company of Belton. Possibly the various counter attractions in the city on that date drew largely on the ranks of those who would otherwise have been in attendance. Certain it is that the contributors could not have depended for inspiration on their audience. The performance was not of the kind to draw an upstairs house and the patronage downstairs was little better.

The members of the company, Miss Willie Beckett, Prof. Raphael Koester and Miss Lillie James, came up in many respects to the eulogistic advance notices. Miss Beckett's accurate facial expression and impressiveness of gesture so aptly illustrated what she had to say that her hearers could understand the sentiment without having knowledge of the spoken words.

THE Athletic club are arranging to dance out the old year Friday night in a sort of return engagement to their Christmas ball.

The joint Christmas entertainment by the Christian and Presbyterian Sunday schools has been postponed from Friday to Saturday night.

## NOTICE IN PROBATE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Washington County:—Greeting: O. L. Schrader, Administrator of the estate of F. Krentzin, deceased, having filed in our County court his Final Account of the condition of the estate of F. Krentzin, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration. You as Sheriff Commanded: That by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Brenham Banner, a newspaper regularly published in the County of Washington, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January term, 1898, of said County Court, commencing and to be held at the Court House of said county, in the City of Brenham, on the 17th day of January A. D. 1898, when said account and application will be considered by said Court. Witness O. A. Seward, Clerk of the County Court of Washington county. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the City of Brenham, this 20th day of December A. D. 1897. O. A. SEWARD, Clerk County Court, Washington Co. I hereby order this citation published in the Brenham Banner. D. E. TRAGUE, Sheriff Washington county. By E. M. TRAGUE, Deputy Sheriff. 1st Dec 23.